

This meeting is reconvened from 12/12/2017



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Board of Commissioners**

**Minutes of the Human Relations Committee**

**12:15 PM**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Boykin, Silvestri, Arroyo, Deer, Fritchey, Sims and Suffredin (7)  
**Also Present-** Moore

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

1. Mark Armstrong
2. George Blakemore
3. Chrsitopher Clark – Written Testimony
4. Andre Lewis –City of Harvey Water Department
5. Mayor Perkins/ Willie Northly – Village of Maywood
6. Mayor Annie Coulter – Village Ford Heights
7. Danielle Gallet

**18-1048**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 5/19/2017

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to recommend for approval 18-1048. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Boykin, Silvestri, Arroyo, Deer, Fritchey, Sims and Suffredin (7)

**17-6213**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A HEARING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is home to more than five million people, and

**WHEREAS**, all people require access to safe drinking water to live, and

**WHEREAS**, the vast majority of Cook County residents access their drinking water from Lake Michigan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Tribune recently published "The Water Drain" series, which outlined how predominantly African American suburbs are adversely impacted by a surge in water prices, and

**WHEREAS**, residents in the southern and western suburbs of the county are especially impacted by spiking municipal water rates, and

**WHEREAS**, Access to safe, clean, and affordable drinking water is a basic human rights issue, and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County should do everything within its power to help its poorest residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the President of the Board that the Human Relations Committee shall hold a hearing around the issue of water infrastructure and billing in Cook County.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to recommend for approval 17-6213. The motion carried by the following vote:

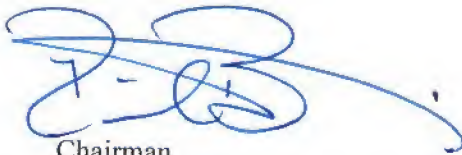
**Ayes:** Boykin, Silvestri, Arroyo, Deer, Fritchey, Sims and Suffredin (7)

**ADJOURNMENT**

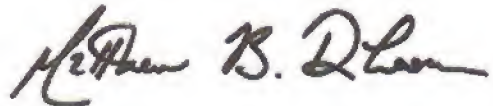
A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Sims to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Boykin, Silvestri, Arroyo, Deer, Fritchey, Sims and Suffredin (7)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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